



**CALENDAR**

**League of Women Voters of La Grange Area**  
**2016/2017 Program Schedule**  
 see additional details for upcoming programs below the calendar

<b>Date</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Details</b>
February 23 6:30-8pm	Protecting Voter's Rights	Oakton Community Center 4701 Oakton Street, Skokie
March 2 7:30pm	New & Potential Member Intro	Reply to email for address
March 16	MWRD: floodwater, future of quarries	Place: TBD. Krista has confirmed that Commissioner Shore is available
May	Annual Business Meeting	
May 8 9:30am-1pm	LWVCC Annual Business Meeting	525 S. State St., Chicago

**ELECTIONS AND HOW TO PROTECT VOTING RIGHTS**

Interested in attending this?

Contact Mary Klonowski, [maryklon@comcast.net](mailto:maryklon@comcast.net) and we'll arrange a car pool leaving at 5:15 PM. Great segue from registering students at LT earlier in the day.

TOWN HALL MEETING  
 Elections and How to Protect Voting Rights

Cook County Clerk David Orr and Cook County Commissioner Larry Suffredin

Thursday, February 23, 2017

6:30 pm - 8:00 pm

Oakton Community Center

4701 Oakton Street, Skokie

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## **LWVUS CALLS ON CONGRESS TO KEEP KEY ELEMENTS OF THE ACA**

The League sent a memo to the U.S. House of Representatives urging them to not disrupt the health coverage of millions of Americans. The League strongly urged House members to ensure that a full replacement plan for the Affordable Care Act is in place before repealing any of its elements.

**BREAKING NEWS - IN LANDMARK VICTORY, COURT STRIKES DOWN NRA-BACKED GAG RULE ON DOCTORS DISCUSSING GUNS**

**Victory in Brady Center Lawsuit Has National Repercussions**

Today, in a landmark decision with national repercussions, a federal appeals court struck down an NRA-backed Florida law that restricted doctors from talking to their patients about the risks of guns. The decision by the full panel of the United States Court of Appeals for the 11th Circuit in Atlanta is a victory for the Brady Center to Prevent Gun Violence and Ropes & Gray, who brought the lawsuit on behalf of doctors who believed the law violated their First Amendment rights.

**LWVLGA IN THE NEWS**

The Community Policing program we sponsored has been picked up in the news. Click on the links below to read about what happened.

[Cook County Observer](#)

[Chicago Tribune](#)

**NEW & POTENTIAL MEMBERS GET-TOGETHER**

**March 2, 7:30pm**

LWVLGA is planning a get-together for new and potential members. If you are a new member or know someone that you'd like to introduce to LWV in a social setting, please respond to this email.

**LWV Cook County News**

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The National League is posting relevant topics due to increased interest after Women's March to encourage local leagues to involve members in calls to action. Mobile phone apps are the trend used by many organizations to alert members to current issues/ actions. The LWV of New York city has partnered with "Voices" <https://tryvoices.com/lwv>. This app also connects with local, state and federal elected officials. LWVCC is considering a proposal to put a non-binding referendum on the ballot that would create an independent commission to redraw the 17 cook county commissioner voting districts. This effort would need input from the BGA (Better Gov't Assoc) and state League. The latest election equipment which is more portable and compact was shown. Touch screens new feature is a paper (using secure paper) ballot that the voter feeds into a scanner. There are safeguards on software and a new system for absentee and mail-in ballots. LWVCC website needs an update so site is easier to read on mobile phones. Plans are to add a link to National website. Local league events can be added to website calendar. Lots of interest on LWVCC Facebook page. The merger of Recorder of Deeds and County Clerk is slated for 2020. League needs to keep track of merger preparation and cross training.

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